

POTENTIAL CHARGE FOR A NEW HOSPITAL BED STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(As adopted by Hospital Bed SAC Work Group; Charges #4 and #6,
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The CON Commission should consider establishing another Hospital Standards Advisory Committee, to report whether an exception to the current Hospital Bed Standards regulating hospital facilities should be established to allow for a hospital(s) to be built if in fact this exception would, in clearly demonstrable and significant ways, lead to:

- Reduced overall health care costs;
- Secure needed improvements in health care quality; and,
- Secure needed improvements in timely and adequate access to health services.

The question is whether this exception would significantly address the above concerns regarding affordability, quality and accessibility of health services. The SAC is to consider changes in Standards relevant to implementation of its recommendations regarding this question.